



Terwilliger Fire Update

Southern Cascades Interagency Incident Management Team
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Southern Cascades Incident Commander Neil Miller would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank you" to the community, cooperators, agency staff, and firefighters for the unwavering support during our management of the Terwilliger Fire.

Special Announcements: The public is asked to respect the road and area closures for protection to themselves and firefighters. Please refrain from entering the closed areas.

The Terwilliger Fire Area Closure implemented August 30th, 2018 by The Willamette National Forest, remains in place. The Closure Area is being patrolled and enforced. The Closure Area is all within Lane County Oregon and does not impact Oregon State Highway 126. Public and firefighters safety remains the priority directive.

Forest Service Road (FR) 19 and Terwilliger Hot Springs (also known as Cougar Hot Springs) are within the Terwilliger Area Closure. They remain closed due to unsafe conditions from gravity fall hazards including rocks, debris and fire weakened trees. The closure begins at the junction of FR 410 south to Box Canyon

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and the McKenzie River Ranger District, Willamette National Forest jointly responded to the report of the Terwilliger Fire with both aircraft and firefighter resources. Although the fire did not burn on to ODF protected lands, the agency has stayed involved with suppression actions and planning.

Acreage: Estimated 11,445 **Completion:** 80% **Cause:** The fire is currently under investigation.

Resources: Total: 184 3-type 2 IA hand crews, 1-heavy lift helicopter, 1-light lift helicopter, 6-engines, 1-dozer, 4-water tender, 2-ambulances, 4-masticators, and 15-heavy equipment. Replacement personnel are arriving as others time out to ensuring proper staffing for operations.

Current Fire Information: Fire behavior continue to be minimal with fire spread mainly creeping, backing with low flame lengths are observed in the heavy fuels as they are consumed. Most fire activity is in the Three Sister Wilderness, within control lines. Crews continue prep on FR 1993, chipping and debris removal, in the unlikely event fire crosses the East Fork of the South Fork. Suppression repairs continue in other areas the fire and adjacent roads impacted. Hazard tree falling along FR 500 is ongoing to reduce fire weakened trees along this road system. Logs will be decked for future processing.

Weather: A seasonal pattern of normal to slightly below normal temperatures with occasional shower chances is anticipated as an upper low approaches. Partly cloudy skies, a slight chance of showers, lows 35-44/highs 53-62 degrees and minimum humidity's 41-51% is forecast through Thursday. The chance of rain greatly increases for Friday.

Closures: Terwilliger Area Closure Order # 06-18-01-18-19 may be viewed at <http://go.usa.gov/xRnz7> or on [Inciweb](#).

Information Resources:

Inciweb – <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6160>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/willamettewildfires/> **Email:** terwilligerfireinfo@gmail.com

